

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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PCT/CH96/00344

Serial No. NOT YET ASSIGNED

Filed: March 30, 1998

For: CLOSING UNIT FOR AN INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4" insert in lieu thereof--claim 1--

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims, and no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 27-36 as per the attachments to this Preliminary Amendment. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended specification paragraph is attached along with a marked-up copy of the amended paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 9-11 from the list of claims filed with the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

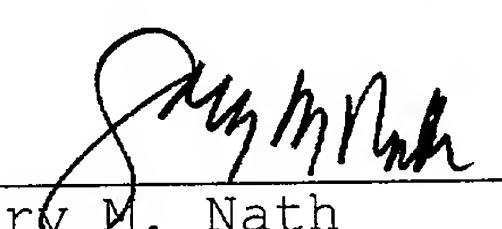
The specification and claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter. The amendments do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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APPEARING AT PAGE 6, LINES 27-36

It is obvious to the expert in this field that the driving units which are normally arranged on each supporting rail side can be coordinated by means of suitable controls and/or can be mechanically coupled together. Suitable control means are within the scope of knowledge of the expert. Other possibilities for using the functioning principle of the inventive closing unit can be seen in barless pressing or punching devices. [Electromechanical, pneumatic or electromagnetic drives can be used just as well as hydraulic systems.]

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